

*Arizona Forest Health Council*  
Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body  
Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE –**  
***Arizona Forest Health Council***

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Arizona Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

**Arizona State Forestry Division**  
**1110 W Washington Suite 100**  
**Forester's Conference Room**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85007**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2013**  
**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Tele Conference Number: 1-877-820-7831**  
**Passcode: 219418#**

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order – 10:00 am Chair, Scott Hunt**

*Members Present:*

Chair Scott Hunt

*Members via Tel-Conference:*

Don Berry, Pascal Berlioux, Neil Bosworth, Wally Covington, Diane Vosick, Steve Gatewood, Bruce Hallin, Tommie Martin, Paul Summerfelt, Sue Sitko-Co Chair

*Members Absent:*

Rob Davis (excused), Nicole Farr, Steven Rosenstock, and Darrell Willis (excused)

*Public:*

Jerry Payne, Deputy State Forester and Kevin Kinsall

Chair Scott Hunt welcomed the Forest Health Council members who joined on the call.

**2. Approval of the Minutes from the May FHC Meeting ~**

- Pascal Berlioux moved for approval; Tommie Martin second.
- Minutes were approved with one correction.

**3. State Update ~ Scott Hunt /Kevin Kinsall**

- Fire season summary – statewide is below average and acres burned. 1572 fires burned 104,000 acres. Yearly we normally have 2,600 fires for 250,000-300,000 acres. Large fires were Yarnell, Doce and a fire near Kearney. The fire activity report shows we sent resources to CA, ID, NV, MT, WA and engines to Northern CA.
- The fire season currently has reached \$1 billion for USFS. Approximately \$600 million has been borrowed from other sources of programs and more money may need to be borrowed. This may impact grant money. Neil stated that it will depend on each forest where the funds will be taken from. The 2013 grant letter was signed at the end of June and approved by the end of August. They were signed before fire borrowing began.
- Grants – Urban Community Challenge Grants are due September 30. These are \$20,000 grants for urban forestry and urban forestry maintenance. A total of ten USFS FY13 package for fuel hazardous grants have been submitted to the Regional Office for approval. Once the recipients have been notified, we will send the list to the

FHC members. ADEM has approved funds to our agency to add another project. This will need to be completed within a year.

- SFA WUI grants from August had 13 grants submitted. They have been sent to the Western Regional Selection Committee to be reviewed in October. Results will be known in February 2014. These are 50/50 grants.
- Paul Summerfelt inquired on the status of the WBBI grant funding. Jerry Payne will follow-up with Bob Celaya on this.
- Kevin Kinsall asked about the tanker fleet. Scott stated that the USFS will be adding a few additional with the current contract.

#### 4. **Statewide/National Forestry Continuing Activity Update**

- **4 FRI** – Pascal Berlioux reported that there will be news on Friday regarding the acceptance of Company X. He also reported on the task orders and the number of acres which are to be completed.
- **Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project** – Paul Summerfelt reported that a lot has been happening with the project. Three agreements have been signed; the GFFP work plan has been finalized; supplemental agreements with the USFS are in the process. Tribal outreach is also being done with Navajo officials. Community meetings have taken place with more planned. A complete report will be forthcoming on their website <http://www.flagstaffwatershedprotection.org/>. Thirty acres of thinning has been completed in the Dry Lake area. Nine hundred acres will be for timber sale or a stewardship contract. They will also be rebuilding FS road 420. Scott inquired about the rehab to FS 420. Is this new FS money. Paul stated that their money will help fund FS 420 Schultz Pass Road near the Schultz fire area.
- **Upcoming October 3-4 Investment Strategies Workshop** – Diane Vosick reported that the invite went out for the workshop. Cal Joyner, Regional Forester and Former Senator Jon Kyl are two of the speakers. This has been underwritten by SRP. The targeted audience was stakeholders, county supervisors, elected officials. Attendance is expected at 300-400. Registration is a must for the conference. The website link is <http://www.srpnet.com/water/forestsummit.aspx>.
- **Prescribed Fire Council** – Scott stated that there is a move to get a prescribed fire council started in Arizona. In the 1960's there was the SW Fire Council which dealt with prescribed fire and suppression. It dissolved in the mid 1990's. Prescribed councils are very strong in the southeast for prescribe fire on private lands. The difference in the west is that most of the lands are federal. The future of 4FRI will require prescribed fires.
- **Urban Forestry Subcommittee** – Scott said that Kent Bushman is our FHC representative for the advisory council for our division. They did have a meeting on July 9 and have developed a draft operational plan. Jerry also reported that ACTC will be hosting a homeowner's workshop in Payson area on September 28. Tommie Martin requested that information be sent to her.

#### 5. **Agenda Development for remaining 2013 Meetings** –.

- Agenda Items: Action items list. Look at legislative section in regards to roads issues. Are monies still needed for state and county road improvements? Identify some forest service roads.
- Steve Gatewood asked that we have an update on the Investment Conference and the end result.
- Also how is State Forestry implementing the Statewide Strategy Forest Action Plan?
- Recommendations or other activities from post fire season.
- Paul Summerfelt asked that we have a current grant status update.

#### 6. **Call to the Public**

- None

8. **Meeting Schedule and Locations**

- The next meeting will be November 14, 2013 location TBD.

Jerry Payne made a motion to adjourn. Kevin Kinsall seconded motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

*This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as results of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further considerations and decisions at a later date.*

*Dated this September 30, 2013  
Arizona Forest Health Council  
<http://www.governor.state.az.us/FHC/>*